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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, LY, EG  
SUBJ: LIBYA-EGYPT TALKS OFF - SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON

1. TRIPOLI MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF QADHAFI'S JUNE 11 DERNA SPEECH  
PRESENT REVISED VERSION OF HIS VIEWS OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN  
RELATIONS AND ARAB AFFAIRS. (TRIPOLI 0764 NOTAL BASED ON  
QADHAFI'S LIVE SPEECH.) KNOWLEDGEABLE LIBYAN SOURCES TELL  
US THAT QADHAFI HIMSELF OFTEN CAREFULLY REVIEWS AND RECASTS  
HIS PUBLIC REMARKS PRIOR TO MEDIA PUBLICATION.

2. CALL FOR ARAB SUMMIT IN TRIPOLI IS HEADLINE ITEM IN PRESS  
AND RADIO. REGARDING EGYPT, QADHAFI IS REPORTED TO HAVE  
REMARKED THAT HE INITIALLY AGREED TO "EGYPT'S REQUEST" FOR  
TALKS WITH POPULAR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ABD AL-ATI AL-UBAYDI.  
ON REFLECTION, HOWEVER, HE REALIZED THAT THIS WOULD BE  
CONSTITUTIONALLY INCORRECT. IN THE JAMAHIRIYAH, HE  
POINTED OUT, THERE IS NO HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. UBAYDI  
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HAS A PURELY INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE. THE PROPER  
PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI, WHO  
HOLDS THE ONLY POLITICAL POST IN LIBYA AND IS RE-  
SPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, TO PROCEED TO  
CAIRO. QADHAFI ADDED THAT INDEED HE WAS AGREEABLE  
TO TURAYKI GOING TO CAIRO AS SOON AS HE RETURNED FROM  
TUNIS EVEN THOUGH THE "WOUNDS INFILCTED ON LIBYA BY

EGYPT ARE STILL BLEEDING." ON FURTHER REFLECTION, HOWEVER, QADHAFI REALIZED THAT BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH EGYPT WERE MINOR COMPARED TO THE GREAT CHALLENGES FACING THE ARAB NATION. A SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE ALL ARAB PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, THE SPANISH SAHARA, AND THE CREATION OF AN ARAB COMMON MARKET SIMILAR TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER LOCAL ISSUES. TRIPOLI, HE ASSERTED, WAS CAPABLE AND WELL SUITED TO HOST SUCH A CONFERENCE WHICH SHOULD BE CONVINED AT AN EARLY DATE.

3. REASON FOR CANCELLATION OF TALKS WITH EGYPT, WHICH LIYBA WAS CLEARLY SEEKING, IS NOT YET APPARENT BUT FURTHER AS YET UNFORESEEN LIBYAN MANEUVERS MAY WELL BE IN THE OFFING.

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